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**ST. ANDREW'S TO HOST NINTH ANNUAL
AGELESS—REMARKABLE SAINT LOUISANS GALA**

Wells Fargo Advisors to serve as Presenting Sponsor of the event, which will honor area individuals who are redefining retirement

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14, 2011... We've all heard the old saying that age is nothing but a number, but today the adage is ringing truer than ever before. As the face of aging continues to change, more and more seniors have decided that retirement is no reason to slow down as they travel the world, embark on new careers, lend a hand in their communities and offer their talents and expertise to their favorite charitable organizations. The 2011 class of Ageless-Remarkable Saint Louisans is no exception, as each honoree embodies the active and engaged spirit that is being embraced by countless numbers of older adults nationwide.

Ageless 2011 honoree **Jean Woodard** embarked on a new career at age 53 when she completed her nursing degree. Today, at age 90, she continues to care for patients as a hospital emergency room volunteer. At 75, honoree **Eleanor Gershien** earned the distinction of being the oldest person ever to receive a degree from Maryville University. And, following a 55-year career as a beloved professor with the St. Louis University School of Medicine, **Dr. Paul Young** is now working on the third edition of a neuroscience textbook and helping to update interactive computer programs used worldwide. Meanwhile, 76-year-old **Rev. Donald Hunter** remains pastor of New Sunny Mount Missionary Baptist Church and continues his work with The Acts Partnership, an organization he helped found that works to stabilize troubled neighborhoods through the development of affordable housing and community programs. For 77-year-old honoree **Jesse C. Swanigan**, work continues on bridging the gap between people of different races and religions through his efforts with the 100 Black Men of America organization, which he founded to provide mentoring for young men and help improve the quality of life within communities across the U.S.

These incredible individuals are among a group of 20 older adults that will be recognized at the St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors System's ninth annual Ageless – Remarkable Saint Louisans gala. St. Louis-based Wells Fargo Advisors is the Presenting Sponsor for the special event, which will be held Nov. 6th at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch.

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Ageless – Remarkable Saint Louisans 2011

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The complete list of extraordinary seniors age 75+ who will be recognized at this year's event includes:

- Rose Allen
- Col. Frank Bick
- Caroline Fisher
- George Fonyo
- Eleanor Gershien
- Milton Hieken
- Charles Hoessle
- W.F. Samuel Hopmeier
- Helen Hume
- Rev. Donald Hunter
- Ernest Jaworski, Ph.D.
- Sr. Madelene Reiners
- Br. Leo Slay
- Jesse Swanigan
- Kenneth Teasdale
- Phyllis Tirmenstein
- Virginia Trent
- William Van Luven
- Jean Woodard
- Paul Young, Ph.D.

As the St. Andrew's organization celebrates its 50th anniversary, the event will recognize this outstanding group of seniors who personify the organization's vision of a society where all older adults are respected, productive, secure and fulfilled.

"The 2011 class of Ageless-Remarkable Saint Louisans demonstrates that growing older doesn't have to be synonymous with slowing down," said Mary Alice Ryan, President and CEO of the St. Andrew's Resources for Seniors System. "For these talented and vivacious individuals, retirement has provided an opportunity to continue to make amazing contributions on the job front and in their communities, and we applaud them for demonstrating how exciting and fulfilling life after age 75 can be."

The evening's festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and include a cocktail hour with the honorees, showcasing the unique black and white photographs taken by photographer Norm Obermoeller. There also will be a special video tribute to them and an elegant three-course dinner.

"Wells Fargo Advisors is proud to serve again as Presenting Sponsor of Ageless—Remarkable Saint Louisans," said Daniel Ludeman, President and CEO of Wells Fargo Advisors. "As a St. Louis-based firm that is dedicated to helping people and families achieve their life's aspirations, Wells Fargo Advisors is delighted to play a part in recognizing these extraordinary people whose accomplishments inspire and serve as an example for all of us. On behalf of all Wells Fargo Advisors team members, we congratulate this year's honorees."

Providing leadership as the chairmen of this year's event are **Alan E. Brainerd** and **Linda Lee**. An avid community volunteer, Lee serves on a variety of boards and committees, including the Friends of St. Andrew's Board, the Saint Louis Symphony Board of Overseers, the Board of the National Society of Arts and Letters and the Women of Achievement Board. She also serves as Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Community Music School at Webster University. Alan E. Brainerd is owner and principal of St. Louis-based interior design firm Alan E. Brainerd Interiors. An allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers, Brainerd is the Chairman of the Friends of St. Andrew's Board, author of "Design Defined," a column in *The Ladue News* and the 2010 recipient of The Commerce Bank Community Service Award.

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Lending support as co-chairman of the event is **Anne von der Heydt**. A former cardiovascular nurse, von der Heydt retired from nursing in 1994 to focus on her family and volunteer activities. Her past community involvement includes time as president of the Saint Louis Symphony Volunteer Association, and time serving on the symphony's board of trustees and executive committee. Today, she continues to donate her time to a variety of organizations, including the St. Andrew's Friends Board; the St. Louis Women's Club, where she currently serves as second vice president; and the National Society of Arts and Letters where she also holds the office of second vice president.

Ageless – Remarkable Saint Louisans is the primary fundraising event for St. Andrew's and its Charitable Foundation. Gifts to the foundation support the provision of housing and supportive services to low-income and at-risk seniors in the St. Louis area, as well as the extension of financial aid to residents who have exhausted their resources. Each year, the organization serves over 5,000 people and provides more than \$1.5 million in charitable care. Sponsorships are still available, and tickets are on sale for \$175 per person, and may be purchased through St. Andrew's by calling (314) 726-0111. Event RSVPs can now be made via the St. Andrew's website at www.standrews1.com.

St. Andrew's initiated the Ageless—Remarkable Saint Louisans concept in 2003 with the production of a one-of-a-kind photo book featuring the first year's honorees. The program has gained popularity, and its unique and creative approach was recognized with the Innovation of the Year Award in 2004 by the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and the 2007 Distinguished Service Award by the Missouri Association of Homes for the Aging.

Created in 1961, as a non-profit partnership of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, St. Andrew's is non-sectarian, faith-based and an expert at serving both older adults and their caregivers.

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